

TONY NOTES
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From: Wayne Hedberg
To: TGALLEGO
Date: 11/13/97 4:12pm
Subject: Pene operations in Westwater - update -Reply

Tony,

Thanks for following up with BLM on this latest activity by Mr. Pene. Would the drilling activity be authorized under our small mining notice? Did the BLM authorize the drilling activity on the mining claims? Was there an additional or amended notice filed for same with BLM and will this be part of the information Bill is sending us? Perhaps we'll just have to wait and see what he sends us to determine what our next action needs to be.

Wayne

>>> Anthony Gallegos 11/13/97 10:46am >>>

Wayne,

I talked with Bill Stringer at the Moab BLM office today (801-259-2185) regarding the status of Ron Pene's operations along the Colorado River in the Westwater WSA. Bill informed me of the activities on Pene's claims since March of this year. Bill is sending copies of their correspondence with Mr. Pene since July of this year.

Bill was aware of activity on the bench above the river located in the NW corner of the claim group. This activity included the creation of a pond area and excavation into the river bank. There was additional activity on areas higher up and away from the river as well. [DOGM was aware of this after-the-fact and examined these areas]

Bill was aware of some activity on the NE corner of the claim group which took place sometime in July. This activity included some earthwork down near the river, the creation of an impoundment on the bench above the river where some processing equipment had been set up. [DOGM was aware of this after-the-fact and examined these areas]

Bill was aware of some drilling performed on the claims during October 18 -29 and some road work due to storm damage. Bill visited the site when the air track drill was onsite. He observed the drilling of 3 holes. The deepest hole was approximately 100 feet while the others were on the order of 25 feet deep. These were drilled up on the bench and were not deep enough to be below river level. Drilling he observed took place within the roadway. He believes approximately 12 holes may have been drilled in total. [DOGM was not aware of this activity]

The BLM has received a reclamation plan from Mr. Pene for reclamation of all disturbances created since March in response to the BLM notice of noncompliance sent out in July. Mr. Pene was onsite performing some of this reclamation in October when he was injured and unable to perform additional work this year.

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